

**Office of the Mayor
David Dermer**



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Dear Editor:

The City of Miami Beach is proud to have received the All America City Award this weekend. This honor bestowed upon us in Washington, DC brings us national recognition.

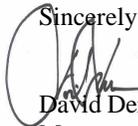
The competition's panel of judges recognized several Miami Beach programs as exceptional Community initiatives. They are: (1) "Planned Progress" (a grassroots campaign aimed at city beautification and improvement) (2) "Mayor on the Move/Neighborhood Services Program" (a program designed to coordinate government departments and help residents improve the community through training, education, enhanced communication and information sharing) (3) The Art Deco revival, one of America's great historic preservation success stories (4) overall Education initiatives.

There are so many community groups whose combined dedication contributed greatly to our success. Represented at the three day competition were residents, the Business Community, government agencies, charitable organizations, religious institutions, and City of Miami Beach employees. Nanette Rodriguez, CMB Media Relations Director and Alex Diaz, CMB Grant Specialist deserve special recognition for their efforts in coordinating the City's presentation in Washington, DC.

I have always believed that Miami Beach is the finest place to live in America. This recent award has affirmed my belief that this City stands out in a group of over 5000 cities and towns throughout the United States. The award was presented to Miami Beach not just for its excellence in citizenry, but also for its outstanding community involvement reflecting a diverse group of people and their willingness to confront critical issues, solving them effectively.

Miami Beach is looking forward to continuing its tradition of excellence.

Sincerely,



David Dermer
Mayor